



U.S. CUSTOMS VALOR MEMORIAL

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T R A D I T I O N ★ S E R V I C E ★ H O N O R

The new U.S. Customs Service Valor Memorial honors 69 Customs law enforcement officers who gave their lives safeguarding America. It is our solemn tribute to their memory.

On the Memorial, the names of the fallen are permanently imprinted on glass. The memory of what they did for their country is also imprinted deeply in the collective conscience of the Customs Service. That conscience demands that we remember beyond dimensions of granite and glass. It demands a living tribute.

Our living tribute to them is measured in our daily perseverance to safeguard our nation's borders. It is measured in the brave acts and determination shown every day by the men and women of America's frontline to support our vital mission.

The people we honor with this memorial gave their lives upholding this mission. Our obligation to them is to redouble our efforts in their names, and to prevail so their loved ones can take some solace in the fact that their sacrifices were not in vain; that America is a safer place because of their devotion to duty.



Raymond W. Kelly
Commissioner, U.S. Customs
May 17, 2000



**U.S. CUSTOMS
SERVICE VALOR
MEMORIAL**

The United States Customs Service dedicated its first Valor Memorial on August 1, 1985, at the Customs Service Headquarters lobby, then located at 1301 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. The monument consisted of four large stone tablets made of Vermont Danby Imperial marble, upon which thirty-three names were engraved. In 1994, the memorial was remodeled in order to provide space for additional names. Sixteen more names would be added by the time the memorial was retired in May 2000.

WHY A NEW MEMORIAL?

The idea for a new memorial came about after Commissioner of Customs Raymond W. Kelly expanded the criteria for listing the names of the fallen. The new Customs Valor Memorial contains the name of any officer lost as the direct result of an action carried out in the line of duty. Based on the revised criteria, twenty names have been added to the memorial.

Designed by William F. Riley, Director, Office of Planning, U.S. Customs Service, and constructed by Professional Restoration Incorporated, of Washington, D.C., the new Valor Memorial consists of a granite base and four laminated glass panes of various sizes that project from the base. Each panel displays frosted vinyl graphics, surface applied names, and the Customs logo. The name, job title, and year of death for sixty-nine Customs officers are etched in the glass. Names are listed in random order in alphabetic groupings.

*“In honor of those members of the
U.S. Customs Service who faithfully
performed their duties and sacrificed their
lives for the United States of America.”*



Close-up view of the
Valor Memorial,
U.S. Customs Service

Then and Now

The Valor Memorial project stands as one of the most important symbols of the new U.S. Customs Service. On its surface, the memorial pays tribute to those throughout our history who gave their lives safeguarding America's borders. Yet it honors the living, too, in its quiet representation of the timeless sacrifices all who serve on our frontlines are prepared to make. Even more, the Valor Memorial is a tangible sign of a renewed commitment at Customs to build the best possible agency for the men and women who carry out our vital mission — an organization that promotes sound management, enhanced professionalism, and a fairer workplace for all.

1924: CUSTOMS PATROL VERMONT DISTRICT
Harry C. Whitehill,
Collector for the Port of
St. Albans, is seated in
the center of the front row.



TRADITION ★ SERVICE ★ HONOR
*that is the U.S. Customs Service
legacy...and its future.*

The history of the United States Customs Service goes back as far as that of the nation itself. Fighting a revolution had left the national cupboard bare, but James Madison proposed a scheme that would eventually make the nation solvent: impose a duty on imports and create a well-regulated agency to ensure its due collection.

The Fifth Act of the First Congress, signed by President Washington on July 31, 1789, created the first agency of the federal government: a field

organization of Collectors “to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by law on the tonnage of ships or vessels, and on goods, wares and merchandises imported into the United States.” Established were 59 collection districts, which were also ports of entry, and 116 ports of delivery. The legislation provided for Presidential appointment of 59 Collectors, 10 Naval Officers, and 33 Surveyors. The organization, under the direct authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, was a

U.S. CUSTOMS IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

1700

July 4, 1789
Establishment of
system for laying on of
duties on imports

July 31, 1789
Establishment of
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of 59 collection districts
and ports of entry, and
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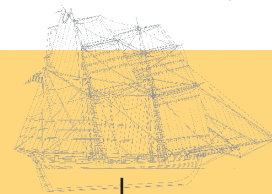
July 20, 1789
Establishment of
system for imposing duties
on tonnage of ships



COL. SHARPE DELANY
First Collector at the
Port of Philadelphia

September 2, 1789
Establishment of
the Department
of the Treasury

1790
Creation of the
U.S. Revenue Marine
(Later the U.S. Coast Guard)



U.S. REVENUE CUTTER EAGLE II
A Brigantine — designed by Josiah Fox.
Launched at Philadelphia
1798

wholly new star in the American constellation, a shining reflection of the government's newly-granted power under the Constitution.

By bringing in needed revenue, it was the customs field agency that funded the functions of the Executive Departments, paid the salaries of those on military and civil lists, and effectively dissolved the huge national debt by 1835. In so doing, the Collectors of customs provided an example to the fledgling government on how a federal agency should operate. The task fell upon the Collectors by default, because they represented the first, and for years the largest, federal agency.

The Customhouse represented the federal presence in the States and Congress consistently turned to the Collectors to administer

new laws and regulations. From 1791 to 1850, the Collectors supervised the construction of over 300 lighthouses. A need for armed ships to patrol our shores directed the Collectors to build and control the first revenue cutters...we were the first Coast Guard. America needed a system of pension agents to assist its war veterans and the Collectors got the job...we were the first Veteran's Administration. Providing for the well-being of merchant seamen was another responsibility for the busy Collectors...we were the first Public Health Service. Weights and measures were effectively standardized by the agency to ensure merchant and consumer satisfaction...we were the first Bureau of Standards. When

masses of immigrants began seeking refuge in America, Congress turned to the Collectors for control...we were the first Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Drug interdiction has been a Customs mandate since 1848, and the apprehension of liquor smugglers during the Prohibition Era alone was the cause of violent death or wounding of 22 valiant Mounted Customs Inspectors.

As America developed into a major world power, the U.S. Customs Service grew with it, assuming more extensive and complex responsibilities to protect and provide for our nation and its loyal citizens.



U.S. Customs marine personnel patrol the waters along Coronado Island, California.



Customs pilots interdict a half ton of marijuana that was being smuggled into the United States from Mexico.

1799

Congress decrees customs revenue cutters and boats to display an ensign and pennant.



Original 1799 design of the **CUSTOMS ENSIGN** proudly displayed by Customs Employees at the Port of Pittsburgh, PA
July 4, 1919

1799

Congress authorizes Special Agents of the Treasury, to examine the papers and accounts of the collectors and their districts.

1800

1848

Collectors and customs officers authorized to prevent the importation of adulterated and spurious drugs and medicines

1853

The Treasury Secretary was authorized to appoint customs mounted inspectors, who were placed under the supervision of the collectors, at ports along the Texas/Mexico border.



ROBERT STUART RUMSEY, JR.
Customs Mounted Inspector
Killed in the line of duty on
August 19, 1922

FIRST U.S. CUSTOMHOUSE
at Chicago, Illinois completed in
1856



1870

Special Agency Service established.

Today

The United States Customs Service is the primary enforcement agency protecting the nation's borders. It is the only border agency with an extensive air, land, and marine interdiction force and with an investigative component supported by its own intelligence branch.

The staggering number of conveyances, cargo, and passengers arriving into the United States each year presents Customs with an ever-changing threat. The agency is meeting this challenge head-on, by strengthening the organization at every level and by enhancing its intelligence, investigative, and operational strategies. Customs has also employed the power of partnerships—with industry and foreign governments, for example—in the fight against drug smuggling.

Customs provides the nation with its second largest source of revenue, after the Internal

Revenue Service. Last year, we returned \$22.1 billion to the U.S. Treasury.

Constant innovations in technology support our work to strengthen America's prosperity and its security. A new automated commercial environment (ACE) is under development that will rely on account management to streamline the commercial import process, lower the cost of trade compliance, and increase customer service for the trade community. Inspectors will use this system to make paperless cargo clearances and to target faulty or non-compliant cargo for examinations.

Innovative technology also plays a major part in Customs' enforcement mission. Devices used to stop the smuggling of contraband run the gamut from sophisticated electronics for high-performance aircraft to mobile and fixed truck x-ray systems to

hand-held drug detection devices known as "density busters."

Customs relies heavily on its Air and Marine Interdiction Division to conduct surveillance and intercept smugglers operating day and night over water and all types of terrain. The agency's fleet of boats and planes conduct the vast majority of the nation's counter-drug reconnaissance flights in the source, transit, and arrival zones.

Customs' laboratories continually check imports to ensure that they comply with the myriad of laws involving public health, safety, and protection of intellectual property rights. And our groundbreaking expertise in discovering and fighting cybercrime has made the U.S. Customs Service a leader in combatting child pornography, money laundering, and the importation of dangerous substances via the internet.

New initiatives include targeting illegal exports of American weapons technology to countries that support terrorism, as well as preventing the transfer of money earned from drug trafficking in this country to offshore banks for the benefit of drug lords.

Through training and mutual assistance agreements U.S. Customs is sharing its successes with fellow customs administrations around the world. This cooperation is a vital ingredient in crafting international procedures that will support our global system of free trade.

The world is a very different place from when Customs was created over two centuries ago. Yet the same beliefs for which our forebears fought still ring true today — starting with the faith that the freedoms America represents will survive only through forthright, steadfast protection of our independence.

1900



HAT INSIGNIA issued with first standard Customs uniform
1905

1919-1933

PROHIBITION ERA: Customs charged with enforcement at land and sea ports. Many Customs men sacrificed their lives for their country during this period.

Curtis Falcon 2576, circa 1930's
Customs aircraft, ready for action on Sierra Nevada range

**1927**

Creation of the BUREAU OF CUSTOMS headed by a Commissioner of Customs



HERFF A. CARNES
Customs Mounted Inspector
Southwest Customs Patrol District
Killed in the line of duty
December 4, 1932

August 1, 1973

Bureau of Customs officially renamed U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

May 17, 2000

Dedication of the second CUSTOMS VALOR MEMORIAL in the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and International Trade Center

August 1, 1985

Dedication of the first CUSTOMS VALOR MEMORIAL in the U.S. Customs Service Building

THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

Those We Honor

J M ANDERSON Deputy Collector of Customs	1863	EGBERT ELLISON Customs Mounted Inspector	1930	ASA MARSH Customs Boatman	1808	BENJAMIN B STONE Customs Enforcement Officer	1957
ARTHUR M BEAMAN Customs Mounted Inspector	1929	GARY P FREIDLI Criminal Investigator	1998	TIMOTHY C McCAGHREN Customs Inspector	1990	GEORGE J SPENCER Customs Patrol Officer	1981
CLYDE M BRISTOW Customs Mounted Inspector	1932	WILLIAM B GOODELL Customs Inspector	1863	DANIEL MILLER Customs Inspector	1810	FRED TATE Customs Mounted Inspector	1918
RENAULT R BAYHI Criminal Investigator	1975	ARNOLD W GILBERT Customs Mounted Inspector	1931	GLENN R MILES SR Customs Patrol Officer	1986	JAMES D TAYLOR Customs Pilot	1987
JOSEPH BAKER Customs Inspector	1932	JOHN S HOWARD Customs Mounted Inspector	1913	ROLLIN C NICHOLS Customs Patrol Inspector	1933	CLARENCE J TRASK SR Customs Patrol Inspector	1947
CHARLES J BOKINSKIE Customs Patrol Officer	1974	JOHN H HEARD Customs Mounted Inspector	1932	TIMOTHY M O'RIORDAN Criminal Investigator	1964	CARL R TALAFOUS Customs Pilot	1993
JAMES A BUCZEL Customs Inspector	1988	WILLIAM HALLEY Customs Inspector	1976	ARTHUR B PUTNAM Customs Mounted Inspector	1908	ROGER L VON AMELUNXEN Customs Patrol Officer	1980
RALPH B BOWDEN Customs Mounted Inspector	1932	LOY C HENRY Customs Patrol Inspector	1934	KENNETH P PIERLEONI Criminal Investigator	1971	DENIS L VAN PATTEN Criminal Investigator	1980
GEORGE M BACON Customs Inspector	1955	JOHN E HOLLINGSWORTH Customs Patrol Officer	1984	JOHN W PARROTT Customs Mounted Inspector	1927	EDWARD B WEBB Special Agent of Customs	1926
JOSEPH T BROWN Customs Patrol Inspector	1940	GEORGE E HAMILTON Customs Marine Officer	1931	ORVILLE A PREUSTER Customs Mounted Inspector	1925	KENNETH G WARD Customs Inspector	1979
PETER H BIMA Customs Inspector	1947	PAUL D ICE Criminal Investigator	1995	ROBERT S RUMSEY JR Customs Mounted Inspector	1922	JAMES A WALLEN Customs Mounted Inspector	1923
LOUIS E BABCOCK Customs Agent	1931	VINCENT D KASKESKI Customs Inspector	1978	PEDRO J RODRIGUEZ Customs Pilot	1998	MANUEL VII ZURITA Criminal Investigator	1998
HERFF A CARNES Customs Mounted Inspector	1932	ALAN J KLUMPP Customs Pilot	1993	DANIEL A ROMBERGER Customs Mounted Inspector	1932		
DAVID L CRATER Customs Pilot	1987	JOHN L KELLY Customs Guard	1931	GASTON REDDOCK Customs Guard	1918		
FRANK CHAPMAN Customs Mounted Inspector	1908	JOHN M LACEY Special Agent in Charge	1977	FRANK B ROBSON Deputy Collector of Customs	1896		
ELLIS DRAKE Customs Boatman	1808	RICHARD M LATHAM Customs Inspector	1984	CHARLES W ROGERS Customs Mounted Inspector	1929		
LOUIS D DIXON Customs Patrol Officer	1974	CLAUDE A MEDEARIS Criminal Investigator	1995	JOSEPH R SITTERS Customs Mounted Inspector	1916		
DAVID E DeLOACH Criminal Investigator	1993	THOMAS S MORRIS Customs Mounted Inspector	1928	GEORGE W SINGLETON Customs Patrol Officer	1975		
STEPHEN S DAWSON Customs Mounted Inspector	1928	MORLEY L MILLER Customs Pilot	1984	GEORGE R SAENZ Customs Pilot	1989		



U.S. Customs inspector
salutes the Valor Memorial



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O U R M I S S I O N

We are the guardians of our
Nation's borders — America's frontline.



We serve and protect the
American public with integrity,
innovation, and pride.



We enforce the laws of
the United States, safeguard the revenue,
and foster lawful international
trade and travel.